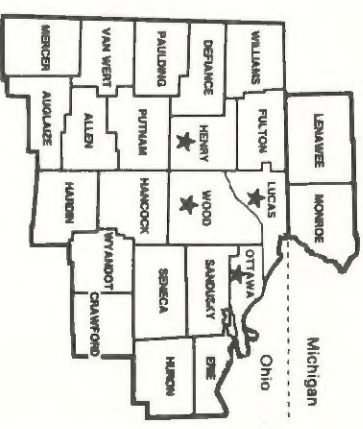


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Alice N. Levey Named Goerlich Award Winner

Alice N. Levey, whose dedication to transcribing braille for blind readers covers nearly a half-century, has been named recipient of the John Goerlich Distinguished Service Award for 1986.

Mrs. Levey, the first woman to receive the award, served as chairman of the Temple Sisterhood Braille Group at Temple Shomer Emunim, Sylvania, from 1960 to 1986.

She was honored at the Volunteer Recognition Luncheon April 8.

Mrs. Levey learned to transcribe braille with slate and stylus at the Toledo office of the American Red Cross prior to World War II at a time, she recalled, "when there was only one Perkins Brailier in the entire city."

After a break during the war years, she resumed braille in 1955 with the Temple Sisterhood group, which then had only four members.

At the time, the group was braille books for the Library of Congress, Iowa State Commission for the Blind, Jewish Braille Institute, and the Jewish Guild for the Blind.

Nowadays, its 15 members mostly braille children's books, and textbooks of all kinds. The group has also done some braille in foreign languages.

In 1966, Mrs. Levey was honored for her volunteer braille work by the Toledo Chapter of Sertoma (Service to Mankind), an international civic organization of business and professional men and women.

Much of her time during her term as group chairman was spent in recruiting new brailers.

While it is known as The Temple Sisterhood Braille Group, it includes men as well as women, and is open to people of all faiths.

The award she received was created in 1983 to honor Mr. Goerlich for his 20 years as president of the Sight Center's board of trustees and other volunteer work on behalf of the blind.

Thomas R. Day, Perrysburg, and the late Francis Linniger, Toledo, received the awards for 1984 and 1985, respectively.



Alice N. Levey

300 Rejections Two-Year Job Search Proves Futile for Blind College Grad

When Bob Krause resigned his job with the Ohio Civil Rights Commission in 1984, he had no inkling that he'd still be out of work three years later.

But the motorcycle repair shop he and his partner wanted to establish foundered on the high cost of liability insurance.

"He was the mechanic," said Mr. Krause, who is blind from congenital glaucoma. "I was to handle sales and office matters."

"We had the start-up money to get the business going," he continued, "but we hadn't counted on the \$2,200 a month we would have to come up with for insurance."

So he began searching for work in 1985, when, he said, "We realized the business wasn't going to go."

By last April 1, he had applied for more than 300 jobs, and found himself rejected every time.

He said he has had "quite a few" interviews, but can't recall exactly how many.

"And I can't remember the number of times I've come in second. Somebody else always seems to nose me out," he said while riffling through a four-inch-high stack of rejection letters.

The cost of printing this issue of the Sight Center Newsletter was underwritten in part by the Northwest Ohio Ophthalmologic Society.

July 17 Rally by the River Date Goes to Center

The Sight Center was chosen in March as host for the Friday, July 17, Rally by the River in downtown Toledo's Promenade Park.

It marks the first time since the popular summer events began in 1983 that the Center has won a date. Winners are chosen by lottery.

Depending on weather, the rally, formerly known as Party in the Park, can provide the host non-profit organ-

Three hundred "noes" in two years works out to 150 per year, an average of nearly three per week.

The applications were mostly for entry-level positions in private and public industry: health care, transportation, law enforcement, management, labor relations, counseling, information specialist, client or consumer advocate, radio dispatcher, personnel worker—all things he considers himself qualified to do on the basis of his education and experience.

He holds a bachelor of science degree from Defiance (Ohio) College, where he majored in political science and economics.

He is also a 1979 graduate of Arkansas Enterprises for the Blind, where he spent six months preparing himself to become a community service advisor to people experiencing difficulty with contract law, product liability, tort, social security law and federal food stamp regulations, Aid to Dependent Children and similar programs.

That led to his appointment in 1980 as a field investigator for the Ohio Civil Rights Commission. He was subsequently promoted to intake specialist and later to precharge counsellor before deciding to try operating his own business.

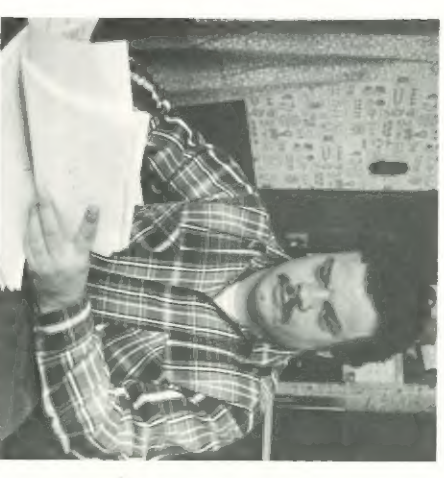
ization with substantial income from sales of draft beer or other items. Some have grossed as much as \$35,000 at past rallies. Hours will be from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. There is no admission fee, and entertainment will be provided.

"It couldn't have come along at a better time," said Paul Noel, controller.

"Our board has budgeted a \$25,000-plus operating deficit for 1987, and this is sure to help reduce that. It's also excellent for marketing purposes."

Promenade Park stretches along the west side of the Maumee River from the Toledo Edison steam plant, near Portside, upstream to the Boody House parking lot at the foot of Jefferson Street.

The rallies are sponsored by Citifest, Inc., in cooperation with Toledo's department of natural resources.



Letters of rejection: the stack keeps growing for Bob Krause.

Throughout the job hunt, he has maintained regular contact with the Toledo offices of the Ohio Bureau of Employment Services and the Bureau of Services for the Visually Impaired, while also answering newspaper and other job advertisements.

He has worked with Penny West, a human resource counselor for Merit Industries, Toledo, and has a resume on file with the National Federation of the Blind, Washington, D.C., which periodically sends him tapes listing jobs available nationwide

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Newsletter Deemed Best in Ohio in Its Category

The Sight Center Newsletter has been rated best of its kind in Ohio in judging sponsored by Ohio Public Images, Inc. (OPI).

OPI is a Dayton-based, non-profit communications organization whose goal is to promote greater understanding of people who have developmental disabilities, including sight or hearing deficiencies, or mental retardation.

The Newsletter received OPI's Award of Excellence at a luncheon March 6 at the Hyatt-Regency Hotel, Columbus.

RSC *NewsNet*, published by the Ohio Rehabilitation Services Commission, was runner-up, taking the OPI Award of Merit.

Judges were members of the Cincinnati Editors Association. They reviewed the Newsletter's three 1986 issues, rating it and other publications of its kind in nine categories that ranged from clear, concise writing to overall effectiveness as a communications vehicle.

OPI established its awards program several years ago to recognize professionals in the mass media of communication for their work in promoting better understanding of people with developmental disabilities.

This year marked the first time the program has included publications other than the mass media.

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Dr. Douglas Austin Elected to Board

Dr. Douglas V. Austin, professor of finance at the University of Toledo, was elected to the Sight Center's board of trustees Jan. 1.

He fills one of the vacancies created by the departure of Robert Oberhouse, a board member since 1978, and Jill Z. Palmer, the board's Henry County representative since 1984, whose terms expired Dec. 31, 1986.

Dr. Austin, a certified financial analyst, is president and chief executive officer of Douglas Austin & Associates, Inc., a financial consulting firm with offices in Toledo, Chicago and Indianapolis. He is also chairman of the Finance Department in T.U.'s College of Business Administration, and is a practicing attorney in Ohio and Michigan.

Walter H. Cline Lawyer, Former Judge Served 30 Years as Agency Trustee

Walter H. (Doc) Cline, a member of the Sight Center's board of trustees from 1951 to 1981, died Feb. 16 in Toledo Hospital. He was 84.

Mr. Cline, a lifelong resident of the Toledo area, was a member of the Toledo (Host) Lions Club from 1938 until his death. He was also a member of the Sylvia Rotary Club, Toledo Elks Lodge No. 53, and the Church of the Fellowship.

Following graduation from Ohio Northern University, Mr. Cline received a law degree from the University of Toledo.

He was employed many years as an adjuster and claims supervisor for United States Fidelity and Guaranty Company. Following retirement, he continued private law practice while serving as agent for several insurance companies.

Mr. Cline also served as acting judge of Sylvia Municipal Court from March 10, 1971, to Dec. 31, 1975.

He is survived by his wife, Isabella A., of Sylvia, and sister, Mrs. Helen Bolt, Cicero, IL.
Burial was in Ottawa Hills Memorial Park Cemetery, Toledo.

Director's Report:

Sliding Fee Plan Implemented to Distribute Costs Fairly

Historically, agencies serving the blind and visually impaired have provided free services to people so afflicted. Throughout its own history, the Sight Center has stressed that blind people, with appropriate training, can become independent, successful human beings leading lives marked by dignity, self-respect, physical and spiritual comfort. Those facts, while seemingly compatible, have instead created a conflict, a set of problems that requires us to alter our policy of free services to all.

Part of the problem stems from a still-widespread public propensity to regard the blind as "pitiful charity cases, inferior creatures who will always require financial and physical assistance"—an attitude that has sometimes led to loss of their self-esteem. In reviewing our policy of providing free services, it appears that we, too, have been guilty of forcing our clients to become consumers of "charity," even though that was certainly not our intention. Clients were required to accept free services regardless of their wish or ability to pay for them. Upon further examination, we found that some of the people who support our operations with their financial contributions actually have lower incomes than the people receiving our services.

In order to deal fairly and efficiently with all concerned, we have established a sliding fee schedule for agency clients. Henceforth, individuals receiving direct services (i.e., social services, rehabilitation teaching, orientation and mobility) will be expected to pay for them up to the limit of their ability to do so. Some may be expected to pay as little as \$5 a week, or up to \$250 a year. Others may be able to pay \$10 weekly, or up to \$500 yearly. For others, it might be \$30 a week, up to a limit of \$1,500 a year, and so on.

Let me emphasize that no one will be denied services for lack of ability to pay. It should be noted that other types of human service organizations have long required their consumers to pay all or part of the costs of services rendered—family service agencies, doctors and dentists, occupational or physical therapists, social workers, psychologists, psychiatrists and the like. But, curiously, not the professionals who provide services to the blind and visually impaired.

It is true that third-party funds are sometimes available to us from state rehabilitation agencies or public school systems, but there has been very little in the way of income from insurance plans or the visually impaired individuals themselves. This lack of direct financial participation has compounded the problem by leading some people to place little value on the free services provided—the "you get what you pay for" attitude. That poor perception has resulted in serious misunderstanding of the values involved. Last year, for example, one third of the clients scheduled for mobility training cancelled their lessons at a time when many others were waiting—some, for long periods—for that same service. We cannot allow that to continue.

Since most Sight Center services are provided on a one-to-one basis, they are necessarily expensive. The fact that most are provided in the client's home or neighborhood adds to the cost. While the majority of the persons we serve will be contributing toward services received, it will still be necessary to subsidize their training. This is the area in which you, our donors, are so important. We need your continuing financial support so that we may go on providing the training that enables the blind and visually impaired to preserve their independence and self-esteem, to have the self-confidence to move into the marketplace and compete with sighted people for jobs commensurate with their ability and education. When you donate, you will know that the people you are aiding are contributing toward the cost of services from their own resources. It will continue to be our job to maximize the use of your donated dollars to the fullest possible extent.

Barry A. McEwen
Executive Director

Speakers' Bureau Praised

Unsolicited letters of testimony from sight-impaired clients are received here often. We've printed several in the past, but here's one from a group of people with normal sight commenting, on a different type of service: our speakers' bureau. It was addressed to Madge Levinson, coordinator of volunteer services, who frequently serves as an agency spokesman.

February 7, 1987

Dear Madge:

Thank you so much for giving the program at Monroe Street Church February 4th. I had many favorable comments on it. They liked the information and also your enthusiasm. The slides were excellent.

It was a pleasure to meet you. Good luck with the "Gin Game."

Sincerely,
Mable Culp
Monroe Street Church
V. Pres. UMW

Professionals Join Forces to Hold DOP Clinic

First Step



After Renee Serrell's pupils had been dilated, Dr. Karol scrutinized each retina, looking for tears, tumors or other abnormalities. The technique employed here is indirect ophthalmoscopy, where the doctor scans the retina through a magnifying lens (left hand), as opposed to looking directly into the eye with a light.

Lens Refraction



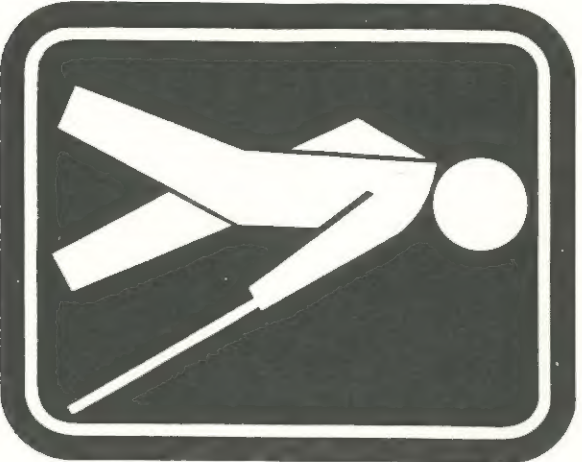
Lens refraction by Dr. Ellen, as he was doing here with Joey Shaw, was one of several elements in his prescriptions for eyeglasses.

Garage Sale Nets \$1,400 for Center

Despite rain the second day, the Sight Center's garage sale May 1-2 cleared approximately \$1,400, according to controller Paul Noel. A similar sale is planned for next fall.

Home Hazards

Accidents in the home during maintenance or clean-up work cause nearly 1.3 million eye injuries in the United States each year. Ninety per cent of them could be prevented by the use of safety goggles or other simple precautions.



Fourteen youngsters with suspected sight problems underwent eye examinations here Feb. 11 in a clinic sponsored in cooperation with the Ohio Department of Health.

Thirteen were found to need corrective lenses, according to Patricia Bennett, coordinator of sight conservation.

The Diagnostic Ocular Pediatrics (DOP) clinic was a first for this agency.

It also marked the first time anywhere in Ohio that such a clinic included the presence of opticians to fit frames and glasses, according to Deborah Ostma, a public health vision consultant with the communicative and sensory disorders unit of the Maternal and Child Health Division of the Ohio Department of Health. Internal and external eye examinations were performed by Kathleen Karol, M.D., a Toledo ophthalmologist. Prescriptions were written by

Louis Ellen, O.D., a Toledo optometrist. Frames were fitted by Brian Miller, Miller Artificial Eye Lab, Toledo, and Christopher Miller, Pearle Vision Center, Toledo, both licensed opticians.

The young people had been identified as probably needing glasses during routine screening of students in the Toledo School System by Sight Center personnel.

One severely myopic 14-year-old girl was found to be effectively blind, able only to perceive fingers at close range. Contact lenses should improve her sight to 20/100, Mrs. Bennett said.

Other problems pin-pointed included hyperopia (far-sightedness), amblyopia (lazy eye), Bell's palsy (a nerve disorder affecting facial muscles), esotropia and exotropia (muscle imbalance of the eye causing crossed eyes or split vision), and astigmatism (an eye defect resulting in blurred or imperfect vision.)

Fitting Station



Delight showed in the smile that broke out on his face after William D. Carroll, II, was fitted with frames by optician Christopher Miller.

Job (From P. 1)

through the U.S. Department of Labor.

He hasn't tried private employment agencies, but is considering that as a next step.

"I'm at a point where I'd take anything," he said.

He is also considering a return to college to work on a master's degree—something he would rather not do.

"I'm 35 years old," he said. "I'd rather work."

The enforced idleness has, however, brought one positive result, Mr. Krause said. A former five-pack-a-day smoker, he stopped cold nine months ago to conserve his dwindling savings.

Asked whether he believes that any of the rejections were based on his

blindness, he said,

"Some of them had to be."

He cited a case where he almost landed a job as a placement specialist in a western Ohio county, only to be told later that "he didn't talk enough during the interview, didn't give enough information in answer to their questions."

At a subsequent job interview, he was advised that he "talked too much," he said wryly.

"All the civil rights laws and Supreme Court rulings in the world won't improve employment opportunities for blind people," he said.

"Employers who are unwilling to hire them can always find a plausible reason not to hire. The only thing that will change this state of affairs is education, and that's a long, slow process."



The Sign Post

Helen Boduch and Judy Brooks joined the Sight Center staff in February.

Ms. Boduch, a former rehabilitation teacher for the Tampa, Florida, Light-house for the Blind, replaces Gail Sheffield, who resigned. She holds a master's degree in rehabilitation teaching from Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL, and a bachelor of science degree in speech communications from The University of Wisconsin at Whitewater.

Mrs. Brooks, a native of Bedford, MI, was formerly a consultant for David Cier, O.D., a Laguna Beach, CA, optometrist specializing in low-vision and contact lens analysis. She replaces Cathy Grabowski, who has taken maternity leave, as a vision screener in the prevention of blindness program.

Paul Noel, the Sight Center's controller, has been elected a junior director of the Toledo Bowling Association for the 1986-87 bowling season. He is also secretary of Eastern Lanes' Tuesday Night League, where he carries a 183 average, bowling with Industrial Machine Products, of Toledo.

Madge Levinson, coordinator of volunteer services, was honored last fall for her performance as Thelma Cates in the Toledo Repertoire Theatre's production of 'night, Mother. She and Vicki Jackson, the other cast member in the Marsha Norman play, received critical acclaim at the regional and state levels, with Mrs. Levinson receiving one of the three "Excellence in Acting" certificates awarded by the Ohio Community Theater Association in 1986.

Former client **Jo Payne**, of Temperance, MI, was named to the Hadley School for the Blind's honor roll last fall for her course work in GED IV (mathematics), and in Medical Transcription.

Elsie Elcessor, of Forest, OH, a current mobility client, was named to the Hadley School's honor roll for her work in Braille Writing.

Judy Williamson was installed as membership secretary of the Toledo chapter of Indoor Sports Club, Inc., a national organization for the physically handicapped, at the chapter's April 21 meeting. She replaces Ellie Casebolt, former Sight Center receptionist.

49 Eggs!



Champion Steve Cook got a personal greeting from the Easter rabbit and a stuffed animal for gathering the most eggs.

Rain Threat No Deterrent to Blind Easter Egg Hunters

An intermittent rain failed to dampen the enthusiasm of 18 blind youngsters who turned out Saturday, April 11, for the annual Chipping Easter Egg Hunt sponsored by the Telephone Pioneers of America.

The hunt, staged on the grounds of the Lucas County Children's Services Board in Maumee, included prizes, refreshments and a visit with the Easter Bunny.

When the scores were tallied, Steven Cook, 11, emerged as champion in the partially-sighted group with a total of 49 eggs, an eyelash ahead of his brother, Shawn, who collected 48. Each received a stuffed

bear, as did Seth Cook, who captured third place.

Twins Stacy and Sarah Patnode, 8, each received a stuffed rabbit for most eggs gathered by totally blind hunters, 21.

Seven children from the Children's Services Board extended care unit also participated, with each receiving a T-shirt noting the Pioneers' 75th anniversary.



Five-year-old Keith Hintz, Jr., had a great time homing in on all those noisy eggs.

The hunters didn't all start at the same time, but that was probably because no one told them they had to. But they handled the important part of the job — finding the eggs — with the aplomb of veterans... as some are.



U.S. Blind Chess Championships Scheduled July 24-26 in Findlay

Up to 40 blind chess players are expected to gather in Findlay, OH., July 24-26 for the U.S. Blind Chess Championship Tournament.

The tournament is sponsored by the Findlay Lions Club, under auspices of Ohio Lion District 13-A and Zone 8, in cooperation with the Findlay Chess Club.

This marks the fifth consecutive year that Findlay has served as the tournament site, according to Nathan Hampshire, tournament coordinator. As in the past, competition will consist of five-round Swiss match play, with the first game Friday evening, July 24, followed by three games on Saturday and the finale on Sunday.

Cash prizes and trophies will be awarded.

Any blind or legally blind player is eligible, Mr. Hampshire said, providing, he is a member of the U. S. Chess Federation, or becomes one by tournament time.

Players are to bring their own chessboards and, if they have them, clocks.

Housing and buffet-style meals in the Imperial House Motel will be provided for players—but not sighted companions—up to a maximum of \$90 per player, Mr. Hampshire said.

Volunteer sighted chess players are needed to serve as seconds, he added.

Zone 8 Lions Clubs have been asked to help provide transportation for players from airports in Toledo, Detroit, Columbus, and Dayton.

Radio Program Ceases Broadcasting for Summer

"Your Sight Center on the Air," a half-hour weekly program of news of interest to blind people, will cease broadcasting for the summer following the June 8 program.

It is aired at 6:30 p.m. Mondays over WAMP-FM (88.3 meg.), Scott High School's broadcast journalism station, which donates its facilities as a public service.

Broadcasting will resume Monday, Sept. 21.

Pioneers Sponsor Two Toledo Youths in Sports Jamboree

Two sight-impaired Toledo boys will compete in the Ohio Telephone Pioneers Sports Jamboree for the Handicapped next month in Vienna, OH.

Carl Morris and Gerry Anderson, both 13 years old and 7th graders at Elmhurst School, are being sponsored by the Toledo Council, Maumee Valley Chapter of Telephone Pioneers of America.

The jamboree will be held June 5-6-7 at Youngstown Reserve Air Force Base, where the boys and their sighted escorts will be housed in a military barrack and will eat in a mess hall as guests of the Pioneers, according to Russ Mahaney, community service chairman for the Toledo Council.

Gerry has entered the bicycle slalom, softball game, and archery contest. Carl will compete in the 40-yard run, basketball free throw, and pilot race.

Participants must be no less than 12 nor more than 20 years old, and must be either sight-handicapped or wheelchair-handicapped.

If you are receiving more than one copy of this Newsletter, or if you would like to be added to our mailing list, please contact the Sight Center so that duplications may be deleted, and new readers' names added.

Volunteers Saluted at Recognition Luncheon

More than 100 people of diverse backgrounds and possessing many kinds of skills, but all sharing one common trait — service freely given — assembled here for the Eighth Annual Volunteer Recognition Luncheon April 8.

The group included executives, drivers, librarians, cooks, technicians, ophthalmologists, brailists, clerks, salesmen, retirees and others, some with sight handicaps of their own.

Highlights included the naming of Alice N. Levey as recipient of the John Goerlich Distinguished Service Award for 1986, and special recognition for Larry Barnes, who contributed more than 1,000 volunteer hours last year as a driver.

Mr. Barnes, who is convalescing at home from a stroke, was unable to attend. His award was accepted by Judy Williamson.

Special recognition also went to Henry Nelson and to the late Donald Burwell, each of whom contributed more than 600 hours. Mr. Burwell died last Christmas Day.

Nancy Burton and Terri Riches were honored for contributing more than 300 hours apiece.

Volunteers with more than 200 hours were Lori Danzik, Ethel Lewis, Bernadine Miller, Marion Purnia, Agnes Rasik, and Joe Thibault.

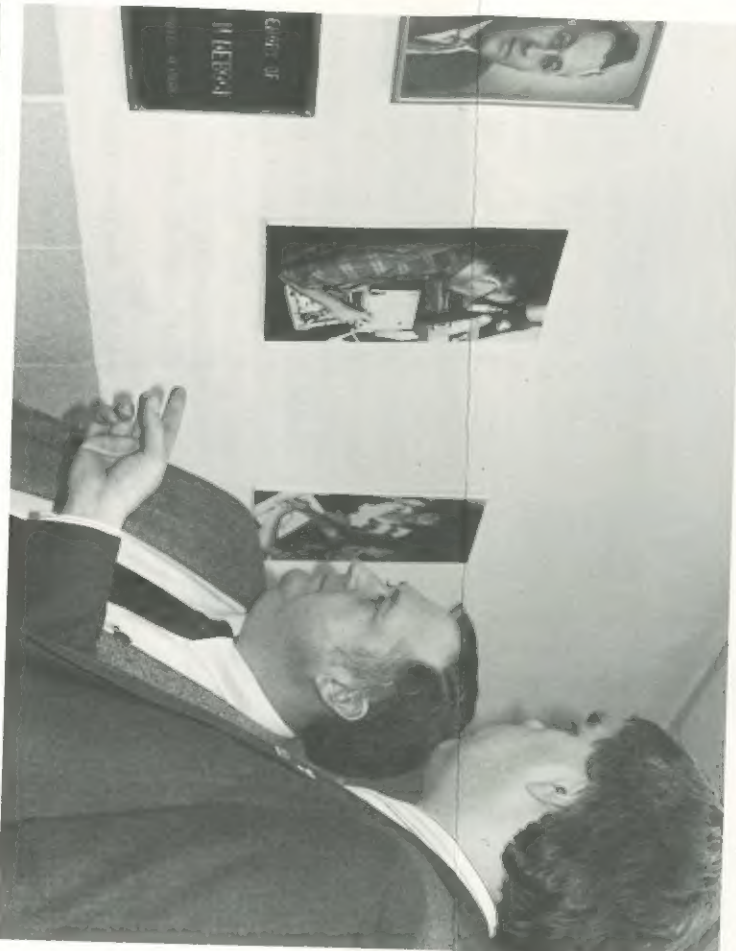
The 100 hour-plus group included Eugene Boyer, Nancy Brock, Leonard Burns, Kenneth Hayes, Doris Heuther, Fred Miller, Doris McCarthy, Ed Nowak, Jr., Kathy Oatis, Marjorie Owings, Phil Podlisch, Frank Siska, Ann Smith, Jackie Sobocki, Carl Tamlyn, William Van Orman, and Jean Weber. Service awards went to Dawn Christensen, Kevin Perrine, and Norma Shappell.



Norma Shappell, who has been a volunteer driver in the Lima, OH, area since retiring in 1978, received a handshake and congratulations from William A. Marti, president of the board of trustees, to go along with her certificate of achievement and the carnation each volunteer at the luncheon received. She estimated that she has spent more than 5,000 hours in the past seven years as a driver for people with sight handicaps, and working with the needy and the ill.



Post-luncheon entertainment for the volunteers was provided by blind illusionist James Huff, of Toledo, who performs as The Amazing Jim Lee, and his assistant, Geraldine. Where did the milk in the pitcher go after she poured it into the cylinder under his left hand? Neither would say. Instead of milk, out came silk—colored, knotted kerchiefs.



After Thomas Clemens, community relations manager for Ohio Bell Telephone, Findlay (above left), presented Ohio Bell's contribution to the capital fund drive earlier this year, he toured the agency with executive director Barry McEwen, who was describing here the long history of service by the Telephone Pioneers of America to sight-handicapped people.

Where some of the capital campaign money went is illustrated at left, as John Grady, left, and Scott Comte, of Comte Construction Co., Toledo, positioned heavy, swinging doors at the entrance to the Center's cafeteria and the end of the main hall. The doors improve security and also keep smoke from the cafeteria out of the rest of the building.



Capital Campaign Workers Cited for Drive's Success

Nineteen eighty-six was marked by a new kind of volunteer service for the Sight Center as area leaders in business, industry and the professions banded together with the agency's trustees and staff to carry out the first capital fund drive in its history.

"Thanks to their efforts, we surpassed our \$500,000 goal by more than \$180,000 in pledges," executive director Barry A. McEwen noted.

At the end of March, \$358,213, or 52.5 per cent, of the \$681,714 pledged in last year's capital fund campaign had been paid in, according to Paul Noel, controller.

The remainder of the pledged money is to be paid on various schedules by individual donors, with the final payment slated for March 31, 1991.

Several score people worked on the campaign, including some whose identities and roles may be unknown to us, but whose participation was vital, Mr. McEwen added.

The following were recognized for their work in putting the campaign together, or actively soliciting funds:

Thomas Anderson, Frank J. Bartell, Lawrence Bell, Patricia Bennett, Edward Binkelman, Robert Boyd, Gerald Brandman, Barry Brandt, Benjamin Brown, Thurmon Condon, T. Christopher Crossen, Thomas R. Day, Chester Devenow.

Jerry Draheim, M.D., Henry Drake, M.D., Arline Duszynski, David Eriksen, M.D., Stephen Forman, Thomas George, James Gilbert, Virgil Gladioux, James Hackley, George W. Haigh, Gerald V. Hazel, Richard C. Heymann, Jr.

Marjorie Hunter, Richard Iott, J. Frank Johnson, Keith Keisser, John P. Kern, John Laskey, Donald Leary, Craig Lemke, Madge Levinson, Jay Lowenstein, William A. Marti, Seth Mason.

Clinton A. Mauk, Barry A. McEwen, Charles McKelvy, Jr., James McNeerney, David Morgan, Robert Y. Murray, Lois Nelson, Paul R. Noel, Peter Orser, Henry Page, John Parschauer, M.D., Alonzo Poll.

Andrew Powers, James G. Ravin, M.D., Mary K. Reiff, David Ridenour, Thomas Roemer, Bruce Rumpf, Lonnie Shifert, Ronald W. Skeddle, William Skutch, Jr., Charles Smith, M.D., Harold Steinberg, Charles Trauger, Dock Treece, Willard I. Webb, III, David Welles, Patricia Williams, Kathy Witte.

(Note: We have done our best to obtain a complete list of all who worked on the campaign, and the correct spelling of all names. For any who were inadvertently missed, we offer an apology and our thanks for their service.)

Browns Topple Media Team in Benefit Basketball Game

With thousands of Cleveland Browns fans roaring approval at every point scored or ball stolen, the Browns' travelling basketball squad cruised to a 111-90 victory over a Toledo-area team of radio and television personalities in T.U.'s Centennial Hall March 23.

The game was sponsored by the Toledo (Host) Lions Club to benefit the Sight Center.

The Browns, football professionals who stay in shape playing exhibition basketball in the off-season, were mostly taller, heavier, and — possibly — in better condition than some of their opponents from WRON 93Q radio and WTVG Channel 13 television.

For big, the Browns called on 6-5, 290-pound Larry Williams, 6-7 Sam Clancy, a 260-pounder, Paul Ferren, 6-5 and 280, and George Lijla at 6-4

and 270.

Although they trailed from start to finish, the area team showed that they know how the game is played.

Led by 6-foot, 7-inch Steve Mix, a former UT and National Basketball Association star, they were still running and shooting when the final horn sounded.

Besides Mix, the area team included Jerry Anderson, Rob Brandt, Ed Domansky, Neil Hartman, Ray Jackson, Mike Mota, Tom Perna, Mike Reghi, Bob Smith, Mike Tyburski, and George Zabrecky of WTVG-TV, and Jim Clemmons, Greg Herriman and Joe Thomas — who coached — of WRON.

The exhibition, which drew about 5,000 spectators, raised about \$2,500 after expenses, according to Jay Lowenstein, Lions' Club president.



Greg Herriman lets fly over the Browns' Larry Williams from beyond the three-point line. Looking for a rebound are Jim Clemmons, left, of WRON, Mike Pagel of the Browns, and Channel 13's Dan Tyburski.

Conservatory Designed to Meet Needs of Handicapped Students

The opening of a conservatory offering individualized music instruction to handicapped students was announced in April by Richard M. Friedmar, Toledo musician, inventor and teacher.

The Ottawa Hills Conservatory, 4730 W. Bancroft St., features acoustically-engineered practice and study rooms, as well as high-quality instruments, including a variety of pianos selected by Mr. Friedmar.

One is a concert grand used by pianists Billy Joel, Liberace and others during their various appearances here, Mr. Friedmar said.

He added that he knows of nowhere else in this area that a concert grand piano is available for instructional purposes.

The conservatory "Will be the classiest place in town," he declared. "This

isn't a money-maker."

He expects the conservatory to draw up to 425 students, about one-third of whom will be handicapped in some way.

Mr. Friedmar was recently commended in separate letters by Ohio Governor Richard Celeste, Toledo Mayor Donna Owens and Madeleine Will, assistant secretary of the U.S. Department of Education — who wrote at the request of President Reagan — on the invention of his FriedmarTM Music Magni-Viewer.

The device enables people with poor sight to read music by enlarging it up to 96 times, while allowing them to keep both hands free to play musical instruments.

He has taught music to sight-handicapped students for several years.



Sam Clancy was unstoppable on this reverse slam dunk. All Greg Herriman, center, and Mike Mota could do was watch.

(Photo courtesy of Jim Nowak, WTVG Channel 13)

Jodi's Fitness Program Pays Off in Bicycle Tour of Holland

Good physical conditioning and a firm spirit of independence served Jodi Myers well last month, when she took an eight-day bike tour of Holland. Taking in the Dutch culture via tandem bike, she and others in her tour group pedaled an average of 32 miles a day — more than 250 in all — staying at a different hotel each night.

Jodi, a Sight Center client who is totally blind from diabetic retinopathy, and who also received a donated kidney from her father in 1982 after diabetes caused her own to fail, has for several years followed a daily exercise program that includes plenty of walking and working with weights.

In warm weather, she also swims and water-skis.

On April 19, she flew unescorted to New York City to join her travel group, then on to Rotterdam, where a Dutch partner piloted her tandem bike.

Despite the restricted diet she must follow, she said earlier she was looking forward to sampling Holland's cheeses, chocolates and pastries.

Although such items are usually forbidden, the strenuous riding would burn up enough calories that she could eat them in small amounts, she explained.



Jodi Myers says she prefers walking outdoors, but when the weather won't allow that, she uses the exercise in the basement instead. She also works with weights.

Guide Dog Travel Not Taught Here

A mistaken belief that the Sight Center teaches its clients to travel using guide dogs prompted a flurry of telephone calls from eager dog donors in March. This is a notion that has surfaced periodically over the years, but there is no truth to it. The most recent offers apparently resulted from public misunderstanding of an area radio or television report.

While the Sight Center endorses the use of guide dogs by people who desire them and are able to use them, it has never taught that skill, a highly-specialized kind of training available at only eight schools in the United States—schools that teach nothing else. The nearest are Pilot Dogs, Inc., Columbus, OH, and Leader Dogs for the Blind, Rochester, MI.

The Sight Center teaches the basic travel skills—orientation and mobility—regardless of whether its clients will eventually use the long, white cane, electronic travel tools, guide dogs, or any combination of the three.

Supply of Drivers Dwindling; Appeal Issued for More

Volunteer drivers are urgently needed at the Sight Center to transport those blind people who are unable to travel alone, or who must travel in areas where public transportation is unavailable. The need is particularly great in the Metropolitan Toledo area, but exists throughout the agency's service territory.

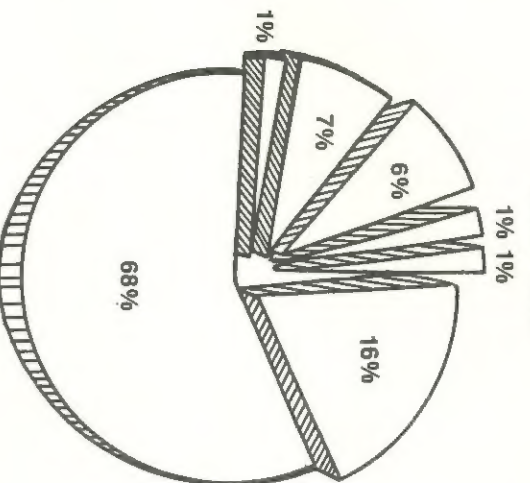
Volunteers taking clients to medical appointments use their own cars. Those who transport the agency's visually-impaired personnel often are able to use one of the Sight Center's vehicles. Full liability and property damage insurance is provided in either case.

Regardless of the amount of time you can spare for this purpose—a little or a lot—please call Madge Levinson at (419) 241-1183.

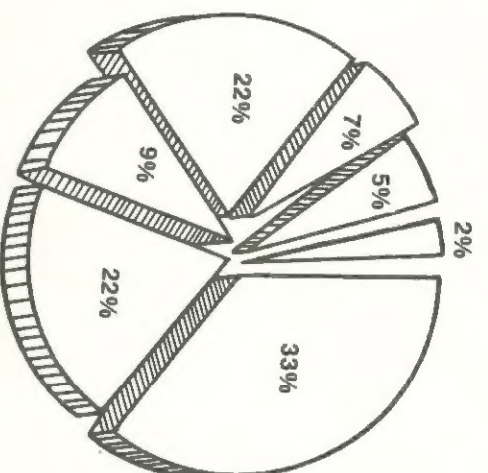
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INCOME



EXPENSES



SERVICES RENDERED

	1986	1985
New referrals to social services	331	382
Clients receiving rehabilitation teaching.....	157	296
Clients receiving orientation and mobility training	119	107
Talking Book machines in clients' homes	2,533	2,476
Pre-school vision screenings	6,432	4,901
School-age vision screenings	12,349	18,506
Adult glaucoma/visual acuity screenings ...	5,607	6,743
Persons served, Community Medical Eye Clinic	327	338
Persons served, Community Eye Clinic Opticians	314	321
Other sight conservation services	474	350
Hours taping books, articles, and misc.	1,237	1,186

United Way	16%	Rehabilitation	33%
Public support	68%	General & admin	22%
Bequests	1%	Sight conservation	9%
Investments/rentals	7%	Fund-raising	22%
Fees/grants	6%	Public education	7%
Aids & appliance sales	1%	Aids & appliances	5%
Christmas cards & misc.	1%	Volunteers	2%
	100%		100%

**Statements of Support, Revenue and Expenses
Years Ended December 31, 1986 and 1985**

	1986	1985
Support and Revenue		
Public contributions, including \$679,612 pledged in 1986 capital campaign	778,356	\$113,726
Bequests	16,030	136,599

Grants:

Government	5,000	2,500
Other	6,300	3,000
Donated services.....	48,276	50,301
Memorials.....	8,497	3,889
United Way of Greater Toledo	185,000	180,600
United Way of Henry County.....	6,400	6,300
Fees from government agencies	66,678	69,726
Sales of aids & appliances	7,934	10,885
Investment income	25,854	19,020
Oil royalty income	23,217	36,902
Rental income, net of related costs	31,827	23,471
Christmas cards, net of related costs	3,661	5,439
Other	7,337	7,085

Expenses

Program services:

Aids and appliances	36,822	37,455
Rehabilitation	236,415	211,000
Sight conservation	68,777	79,175
Total program services	\$ 342,014	\$327,630

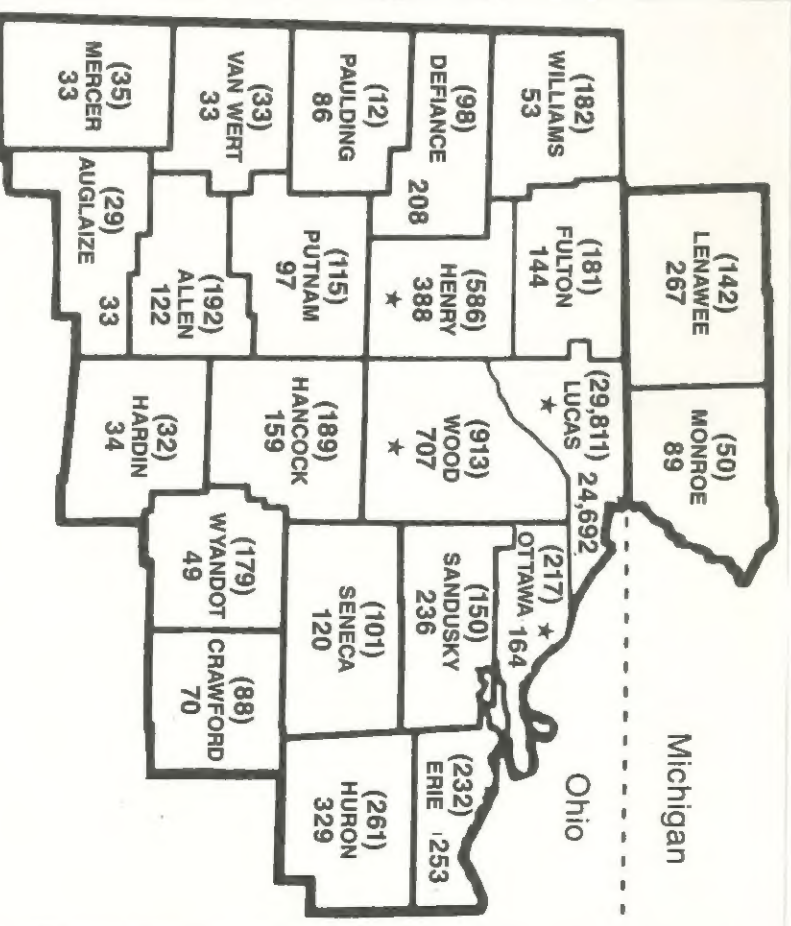
Supporting services:

Fund raising	162,275	55,212
Public education	50,233	48,603
Volunteers	16,149	22,159
General and administrative	156,703	171,047
Total supporting services	385,360	297,021
Total expenses.....	727,374	624,651
Excess (deficiency) of support and revenue over expenses	\$ 492,993	\$ 44,792

The above information is a summary of the operations of the Toledo Society for the Blind taken from the Society's audited financial statements for the year ended December 31, 1986.

Such information does not include balance sheets, statements of changes in fund balances, or notes to financial statements necessary for presentation of financial information in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. The Society's audited financial statements are available at the Society's offices.

Where We Served



The county-by-county distribution of Sight Center services for 1986 is shown here, with comparative figures for 1985 in parentheses. Totals include persons participating in the Talking Book program, those screened in the Prevention of Blindness program, and those who received direct services such as orientation and mobility training, rehabilitation teaching, and social services.

Talking Book services in Monroe and Lenawee Counties, Michigan, are provided by a Michigan agency. The Sight Center is a member of the United Way only in those counties where a star is shown

Jamaica-Bound



The boxes loaded aboard this van late in March contained an estimated 3,000 pairs of donated eyeglasses—a part of thousands more amassed at the Center over a period of several months from donors who no longer need them. Taking custody of the cargo were Earl Mitchell, center, president of the International Institute, Toledo, and driver Eugene Webley, right, who will see that the eyeglasses reach their destination in Jamaica, where they will be matched up with people in need of them. Executive director Barry McEwen lent a hand. The world-wide distribution of free eyeglasses is a program of Lions International.

Blind Businesswoman's Cards Feature Tactile Artwork

Combination braille/print greeting cards that feature tactile artwork went on sale at the Sight Center in April.

They are produced by D-H Creates, established in 1985 by Donna Hardy, a blind businesswoman in Highland City, FL, and come in a variety of formats for all occasions.

The verses are Mrs. Hardy's own, copyrighted work.

Production began last July. Cards are currently on sale at retail outlets in Florida, West Virginia and the Sight Center for \$2 apiece.

Mrs. Hardy, who is totally blind from retrolental fibroplasia, employs an artist and a clerk who help produce the cards in her home.

Besides the profit motive, she said her goal is to enable blind people to do their own shopping for greeting cards, and to educate sighted people, many of whom still consider the blind unable to function independently.

Seasonal catalogues are available for \$2 by writing D-H Creates, P.O. Box 208, Highland City, FL 33846, or by telephoning (813) 644-2174.



"Fingertips," as Donna Hardy's cards are aptly titled, are recognizable to the touch and come in a variety of formats, such as the St. Valentine's Day card above.

Requests Create Living Gifts

Your will may be the most important document you have. Without one, the assets you have worked a lifetime to accumulate will be disposed of according to the laws of the state in which you live. Your family and charitable interests may suffer as a result.

There is no law that says you must have an attorney advise you in the

drafting of your will, but it is a very good idea to obtain competent legal advice when doing so.

If you choose to name the Sight Center as a beneficiary of your estate, your gift will become a living memorial that helps to ensure that sight-handicapped people will continue receiving the programs and services they need.

Memorial Contributions

A permanent record is made of memorial contributions and other gifts to the Sight Center. Memorials are promptly acknowledged in accordance with the wishes of the donor. The following is a list of memorials, gifts in honor of others, and bequests received by the Sight Center from Nov. 1, 1986, through Feb. 28, 1987.

Kay Adams, by Mr. and Mrs. Renzo Maraldo.
Paul Wm. Anspach, by Helen S. Huebner.
Mrs. Caroline Bankey, by Mrs. Ruth Forrester.
Gordon A. Blaine, by Willard H. Joslin.
Wanda Borowicz, by John Borowicz.
William Bradford, by Mrs. William Bradford.
Cecil Carr, by Robert, Erik, and Gudrun Carr.
Louis Chausky, by Mr. and Mrs. Norman Goldman.
Walter Cline, by Barry A. and Cathy S. McEwen.
Walter Cousino, by Mrs. Helen L. Cousino.
Hilda M. Crandall, by Ms. Jennie Null.
Homer DeWalt, by Helen Jackson.
Margaret Marie Dewitt, by Vivian A. Smith.
James Draper, by Mr. and Mrs. Mervin Levy.
Kent Eley, by Jane Eley.
Robert Fangboney, by Betty and Gail Nagy; Mager Scientific, Inc.
Gerald Francis, by G. G. Kirkbride.
Lucille Franklin, by Mrs. Leitha K. Smith.
Ruby Freiligh, by May D. Mills; Mr. and Mrs. D. Henry Stollenberg.
Edgar Fulk, by Mr. and Mrs. Kenny Bauer-sack; Mary C. Dodd; Mr. and Mrs. Max J. Dodd; Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Dodd; Mr. and Mrs. Steve Hull; Nancy Sherrer; Mr. and Mrs. Pat Sherrer; Mr. and Mrs. William Sherrer.
Dale M. Gansley, by Mr. and Mrs. William Annun, Douglas E. Avery; Mr. and Mrs. Ernest H. Born; Mr. and Mrs. Don O. Feak; Yvonne D. Fitch, Carole L. McKety, and Dean A. Smith; Mr. and Mrs. George Flack; John and Susan Granada; Russ and Esther Harloff; Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Hornyak; The Elvin Iffland Family and Cara Belle Betz; Helen S. Nostant; Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Renard; Deloris Rohnback; Sarah E. Smith; Mrs. Anne Voglsberger; Lillian C. Whitough.
John Geiger, by Jim and Sharon Helfrich, Steve Helfrich, and Sr. M. Stephanie Helfrich, Mr. and Mrs. John Gueldenzoph, by Marie Ripke.
Curtis B. Hanni, by Bernice Flynn and Family.
Mrs. Ethel Hubbard, by Betty Hanna.
Delbert Hune, by Ruth Roberts.
Albert Hymore, by Mr. and Mrs. Michael Komon and Family; Mr. and Mrs. James Perry; Mrs. Judy Thompson and Jenny.
Mrs. Carl Kalnow, by Maxine (Gottlieb) Basch.
Julius Kovarik, by Janet L. Smith.
Loved Ones, by Loretta E. Hoedt.
Florence Mantion, by Virginia R. Smith.
Henrietta Marimon, by Mrs. Mary K. Hamilton.
Gladys R. Markley (mother) and Russell A. Smith (son), by Mr. and Mrs. Linden Smith.
Agnes McEwen, by Mrs. Virginia M. Callahan.
Larry Droszcz; Tom and Marian Essey; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Faunce; Ida K. McClain; Mr. and Mrs. William Moritz; Margaret Omev; Marian Roitinger; Jack Patterson, and Allen Mumford; Ruth Roberts; John Rohert; Mildred Seymour.
James Metcalf, by James E. and Mary F. Patnode.
Arthur Mills, by Alice M. Champe; Mrs. Ruby C. Freiligh.
Marion Moen, by Runyce Kasning.
Clair Moore, by Mr. and Mrs. Orville Adair; Mr. and Mrs. John Bembenek; Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Bailor; Mr. and Mrs. Edward Forman; Lois Henning; Sarah and Bryan Lahna; Virginia Levandowski; Mrs. Melva Richardson and Jim; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Super; Mr. and Mrs. Larry Ulrich.
Dr. Warren Morris, by Dr. and Mrs. Milo Danzeisens; Mannik & Smith, Inc.
Ellen Mumford, by Roland Tams.
Ann E. Oravec, by Judy Baidorff.
Esther J. Pio, by Bernice Flynn.
Arthur S. Rudd, by Mrs. Arthur S. Rudd.
Nan Saperston, by Miriam Kobacker.
Edward Seadin, by Pat Williams.
Bill Sorensen, by Helen R. Frick; Bert and Laura Kirian.
William N. Sorensen, by Mr. and Mrs. Dave Buchanan; Stephanie and Elizabeth Buchanan; John and Janine Rechuk; Mr. and Mrs. Phil Reduk; Mr. and Mrs. Steve Skibinski; Alice J. Sorensen; Cal Sorensen; Matt Sorensen; Abbe and Kate Vangeloff; Mr. and Mrs. Jim Vangeloff.
Paul B. Smith, by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Botes.
Willis Stone, by Raymond J. Guemsey.
Carl Sturtz, by Mrs. Ralph H. Shupp.

Gifts In Honor of

Mrs. Sol Boyk, by Eve M. Hartman.
Ms. Betty-Faye Cone, by Eve M. Hartman.
Birthday of Guy Davis, by Mr. and Mrs. Lewis R. Basch.
Yale Feniger, by Jack Cone.
Richard Friedman, by Elz Chayim Synagogue Sisterhood.
Birthday of Charles Helburn, by Mr. and Mrs. Lewis R. Basch; Mr. and Mrs. Mervin Levy.
Anniversary of Madge and Al Levinson, by Mr. and Mrs. Mervin Levy.
Forty-fifth Ordination Anniversary of Father Joseph Lipenski, by Pat Williams.
Thirty-fifth Wedding Anniversary of Maryse and Lyle Long, by Billie and Bruce Kelley.
Williamsa Mart, by Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Kunze.
Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Milford Meyers, by Mr. and Mrs. Lewis R. Basch.
Seymour Mindel, by Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Basch.
Sherry Shaner and Family, by Father Murphy.
Birthday of Dr. S. Shiff, by Mr. and Mrs. Lewis R. Basch.

Bequests

Clarence and Daisy Hickok Estate

Keeping Member Agencies Efficient Is MAP's Goal

Helping its member organizations deliver efficient, effective human services in the community is part of the United Way of Greater Toledo's mission.

The Management Assistance Program (MAP) is a service element of United Way designed to meet this objective by matching volunteer consultants with non-profit agencies and their boards. Skilled, experienced staff members and MAP volunteers provide help and support on a short or long-term basis.

Such assistance includes consultation, training, information-sharing and technical help. General areas of management can be addressed, as can board responsibilities, long-range planning, personnel areas and financial management.

MAP helps an organization make the best use of its human and financial resources, and to carry out that organization's objectives most efficiently.